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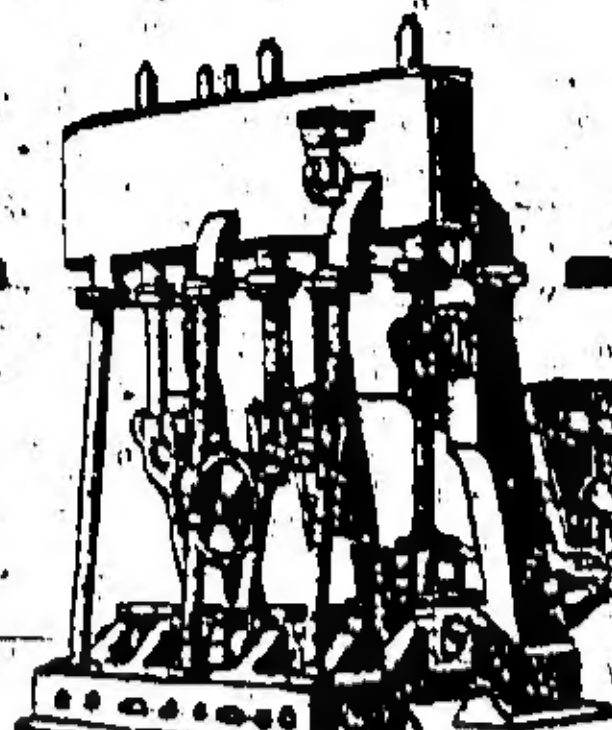

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THE WAR.
LATEST TELEGRAMS.

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FORTY SUBMARINE ENCOUNTERS
SOME STATISTICS BY SIR EDWARD CARSON.
—
ALWAYS 3,000 MERCHANT SHIPS IN DANGER ZONE.
—
London, Feb. 22.
Sir Edward Carson, First Lord of the Admiralty, continuing his speech on the introduction of the Naval Estimates, said the number of armed merchantmen had been increased by over 47 per cent. During the last two months and the armament was improving weekly. Sixty-nine Allied and Neutral steamers of over 1,000 tons, and totalling 201,000 tons, were sunk during the first eighteen days of December, 1916; 67 ships, of a total tonnage of 182,523 tons, were sunk during the same period in January, 1917; 80 ships, of a total tonnage of 268,631 during a like period in February, 1917. Altogether 118, 01, 184 vessels were sunk during the periods respectively. From the 1st February to the 18th February 6,176 ships arrived at and 5,878 left the United Kingdom. It is estimated that there were 3,000 ships in the danger zone at any one time. The fact that we had had forty encounters with submarines during February was an enormous achievement. Regarding the fate of these submarines the official reports showed every degree from certainty to improbability. He selected as an instance of certainty the case of the capture of a submarine with her crew by a destroyer; and he mentioned as a case of uncertainty one where an airship dropped bombs just where a submarine had been immediately previously submerged. Regarding shipbuilding, he declared that no single ship would be uncoupled during the coming months while steps had been taken to reconcile the competing claims of warships and merchantmen. He appealed to the nation to consent to restrictions on imports in order to make the Admiralty's task easier.
SUBMARINE PARTS IN A BUOY.
—
MADRID, Feb. 21.
It is officially announced that a buoy containing thirty-one cases of spare parts for German submarines has been discovered in the vicinity of Carthagena. Three Germans have been arrested.
LATEST.
The Spanish Government is determined thoroughly to investigate the "buoy" incident, and to punish severely all persons implicated, in order to demonstrate the strictness of Spanish neutrality.
SUBMARINE PIRACY.
—
LONDON, Feb. 21.
The small British steamer "Brigade" and the sailing ship "Centuria" have been sunk.
LATER.
The only vessel sunk yesterday was the Newfoundland fishing schooner "Mayola."
PLYMOUTH CLOSED TO NEUTRAL SHIPS.
—
LONDON, Feb. 21.
The Shipping Gazette announces that Plymouth is closed to Neutral ships.
CLAIMS IN THE PRIZE COURT.
—
LONDON, Feb. 22.
The Prize Court has disallowed the claim of the crew of the submarine "E14" (referred to in a cable dated 20th January) in respect to a Turkish transport, but has allowed the claim in respect to the gunboat.
HINDENBURG ON VERDUN OPERATIONS.
A VERY FRANK "ORDER OF THE DAY."
—
THE LOWERED MORALE OF GERMAN TROOPS.
—
London, Feb. 21.
Reuter's Correspondent at the British Headquarters in France reports that a copy of an "Order of the Day," by Marshal von Hindenburg, found on a captured German soldier, states:—
"The operations at Verdun during October to December are serious and regrettable reverses. Incapable officers must ruthlessly be removed. The number taken prisoners was unusually large for German troops. Some evidently surrendered without offering any serious resistance and without suffering heavy losses. This shows that the morale of some troops was low, and the reason for this must be very carefully investigated. The old spirit of the German infantry must be revived by training and by the strictest drill, amongst other things. This matter is of vital importance."
BAVARIANS v. PRUSSIANS.
—
SANGUINARY FIGHT IN A CAMP.
—
MAASTRICHT, Feb. 22.
The newspaper "Les Nouvelles" states that there was a sanguinary fight between Bavarians and Prussians at the camp at Deverloo last week. Thirty-two were killed and two hundred wounded.
PRISONERS-OF-WAR EMPLOYED ON GERMAN FARMS.
—
AMSTERDAM, Feb. 22.
Herr Gruher has informed the Reichstag Committee that there are three-quarters of a million prisoners of war employed as farm labourers. Their number will be increased. The garrisons in occupied territories will be employed on farms.
EXCHANGE OF CIVILIAN PRISONERS ABANDONED.
—
LONDON, Feb. 22.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Hope, Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury, stated that the idea of a general exchange of civilian prisoners has been abandoned.
EXHAUSTION OF GERMAN POTATO STOCKS.
—
AMSTERDAM, Feb. 21.
The Prussian Minister of the Interior, in a proclamation, admits that frost has completely stopped the supply of potatoes, the stocks of which are certain to be exhausted before the new harvest.
This has strained the weak available stocks of corn, owing to the necessity of distributing flour in the great cities.
The Minister of the Interior has therefore ordered the rural authorities to take severe measures to compel farmers to supply foodstuffs.
DISSATISFACTION IN NORWAY.
—
CHRISTIANIA, Feb. 22.
There is considerable dissatisfaction in Norway over the Government's policy at home and abroad owing to economic conditions and the recent friction with Great Britain. There is a strong movement in favour of the formation of a National Government.
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INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 24th day of FEBRUARY, 1917, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of Accounts for the year ending the 31st December, 1916.

The REGISTER of Shares of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 12th FEBRUARY, to SATURDAY, the 24th FEBRUARY, 1917 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

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By Order of
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Revenue Marine Department 337,239

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A VETO ON INDUSTRY.

One of the remarkable features of the present war is the profound revolution that has been effected in consequence of it in industrial practice and production at home. Workmen have temporarily surrendered their cherished rights as trade unionists, employers have consented to forgo their profits and become mere agents of the Government, weapons have shown a surprising capacity for replacing men summoned to the Army, and for supplementing highly skilled workers in munition factories. Simultaneously State control of industry has been steadily extended until at the present time all the principal metals have come under the absolute authority of the Government. No steel, copper, brass, not to speak of other less valuable metals, can now be obtained in any part of the United Kingdom for any work without a permit from the Priority Branch of the Ministry of Munitions.

This branch has grown rapidly from small beginnings. Its staff of 300—now housed at St. Ermin's Hotel, Westminster, the whole of which has been taken over for its activities—is under the supreme control of Mr. Edgar Jones, senior member for Merthyr, who is virtually controller of metals. He is assisted most efficiently by a number of volunteers, all of them men of standing and ripe experience. They include a peer of the realm, ex-naval captain, ex-Colonial administrators, an ex-Egyptian judge, bank directors, barristers, a director of drapery firms, and several retired merchants. All these capable men work as hard as any busy professional man in good practice, and they all give their services without fee or reward; as also do Mr. Edgar Jones himself and his principal colleague, Dr. Hazel, ex-M.P. for West Bromwich.

SETTLING COMPETING CLAIMS.

The department came into existence in June, 1915, and it consisted at the outset only of Mr. Edgar Jones and a single clerk. This was the time when, profiting by the lessons of the first nine months of war, Mr. Lloyd George was beginning to effect the radical transformation of British industries from a peace to a war basis. As this transformation proceeded it was realised that an adequate output of munitions could not be obtained unless there was in existence some authority to determine—after the satisfaction of the direct demands of the Navy and Army—the degree of priority between competing claims for material.

Every Government department was primarily concerned with its own particular needs. In addition to that, conflicting claims arose between demands made upon our engineering resources by our Allies and also by manufacturers and merchants engaged in our export trade.

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It is by his activities of the Priority Branch extended until they now cover the entire industrial field. To take an example, Sheffield cutlery manufacturers cannot get steel and Birmingham brassfounders cannot get brass without a license or a permit from it. Beyond what may be called the war's first needs, no machinery for any purpose whatever can be made in this country without the authorization of this department.

A Railway Committee section of which Dr. Hazel is the head, deals with the requirements of railways at home and abroad. No railway in this country, in the Colonies, or in foreign countries can get British locomotives or rails without the consent of the department. Separate sections are devoted to mining requirements, motor-cars and aeroplanes, textile machinery, general machinery, steel, copper, brass, tin-plate.

The importance of the functions discharged by the department will be realised when it is pointed out that our war requirements plus those of our Allies could absorb the whole production of all the engineering resources of this country. What the Priority Branch does is to ensure that the armies in the field are not deprived of what they need except where there are counter requirements of proved necessity. "We are the judges of the degree of necessity," said Mr. Edgar Jones to "The Daily Chronicle," Correspondent.

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Decisions are reviewed by an executive committee, which includes a representative of every Government department concerned. This committee sits daily, five days a week. The committee takes the form of a challenging body. Any member of it can, on behalf of his department, challenge a preliminary decision; but so thoroughly has the preliminary work been done that decisions are almost invariably upheld. What contributes to this result is the practice in every doubtful case of having a preliminary discussion in the committee before any decision is taken. Answering our correspondent, Mr. Edgar Jones said:—"We have made altogether 66,000 decisions, every one of which has been upheld by the unanimous assent of 80 representatives of the different Government departments. The fact that we have never taken a vote in the committee is in itself a proof of the care and judgment exercised in making decisions."

One of the recent edicts of the department prohibited the further manufacture of hairpins. In the course of the past few days the committee has been considering orders for engineering material from France, Russia, Italy, Japan, Rumania, Switzerland, Argentina, South Africa and Australia.

All the principal positions at the Priority branch are held by volunteers. Among those giving voluntary work are a number of public school boys who had failed, for physical reasons, to pass into Sandhurst and Woolwich.

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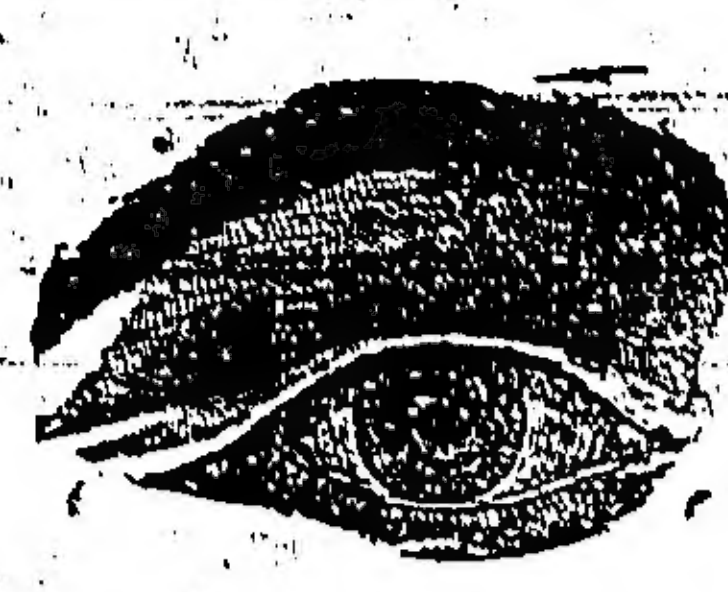
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No. 1 Dock, Kowloon	275	100	10	10	1	1
No. 2 Dock, Kowloon	275	100	10	10	1	1
No. 3 Dock, Kowloon	275	100	10	10	1	1
Whampoa Dock	400	100	10	10	1	1
Whampoa Dock	400	100	10	10	1	1
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To-day's Advertisements

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1917.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday (off-day).

February 26th, 27th, 28th and 3rd March.

TICKETS of ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE may be obtained from Messrs. Kelly and Watson, Ltd., or at the Gate. Price \$10 for the Meeting (including the Off Day), or \$4 per day. Tickets for the Off Day, \$3. No one admitted without a Ticket, to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate. T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, Feb. 23, 1917. 1525

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARDS request the pleasure of the presence of the LADIES at the GRAND STAND and the ENCLOSURE during the Races. A Stand and Enclosure will be reserved for Members and Members' Wives and Families, and for which are being sent out with the Members' Tickets. All Tickets must be produced to gain admission. Special accommodation will be reserved as in recent years for Chinese Ladies and their Escorts, and for the Ladies' Stand erected on the plot of ground next to the Lusitano Club Stand.

T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, Feb. 23, 1917. 1516

NOTICE.

PROPOS of the above, Members are hereby notified that although Membership of the JOCKEY CLUB entitles them to free admission to the Enclosure and Stand during the Race Meeting, an opportunity is given to them to make a special contribution to the War Charities by also purchasing an admission Ticket at the Gate. A Book will be in the care of the Gate Keeper in which Members are asked to record any such purchases.

T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, Feb. 23, 1917. 1527

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

PASSES for Servants will be issued on application to the Undersecretary on SATURDAY, the 24th instant. No Servants will be allowed inside the ENCLOSURE of the Race Course during the Race Days WITHOUT TICKETS, which can be had on application to the Undersecretary. These Tickets are only available for Servants while in attendance on their employers or when on duty at the various Stands.

Any Chinese found loitering about with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit them and the holders therefore will be removed from the Enclosure.

T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, Feb. 23, 1917. 1528

THE DIARY.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

10.30 a.m.—Auction of Miscellaneous Stock at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
11.30 a.m.—Auction of Household Furniture etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
Noon.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation's Meeting.
Noon.—Auction of Miscellaneous Articles at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

General Memoranda.

Mon. 26, Tues. 27 & Wed. Feb. 28.—Hongkong Jockey Club Race Meeting.
Thursday, March 1.—St. David's Day.
Saturday, March 3.—H.K. Jockey Club Race Meeting (Off Day).
Thursday 8 & Friday, March 9.—H.K. H. Society's Annual Flower and Vegetable Show.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, Feb. 23, 1917.

CHINA ASSERTING HERSELF.

CHINESE Press telegrams from Peking report that very great interest is manifested in the matter of the steps to be taken by the Government in the event of Germany failing to return a satisfactory answer to the Government's energetic protest against the German declaration of war on neutral shipping in European waters. There is general approval of the Government's action in making the protest, and growing resentment is evident over Germany's failure to return a prompt and unequivocal reply. As we have said before, if Germany will not keep within the pale of international law and civilization at the request of the United States, she is not likely to pay any greater heed to the protest of China, and China will, in the words of her Note, be constrained to sever the diplomatic relations at present existing between the two countries. Then will come the question as to how much further China will be prepared to go to assert her interest in the maintenance of the principles of international law. Let not China's action in this matter be under-rated. We are in agreement with our Chinese contemporary at Peking when it says that China's intervention represents "the biggest thing done by the Chinese Government in the region of foreign affairs since this country entered into treaty relations with the Powers." China is beginning to find herself, and her action in this crisis of the world's history is destined to be a permanent influence upon her future progress and development. Had the Chinese Government heeded the advice of a few old cronies and "steered away from the maelstrom of the world war" to the extent of not even raising a voice of protest against savagery and lawlessness, she would deserve the contempt in which the rest of the world would justifiably regard her. Fortunately, wiser counsels have prevailed in Peking, and the action the Chinese Government has created an impression throughout the world of a growing consciousness of power and authority, which raises China in the world's estimation, and when, as is very probable, she is constrained to emphasize her protest by severing diplomatic relations with Germany, she will compel recognition as a new force capable of exerting an ever-increasing influence in the affairs of the world. The step China has already taken marks a highly important stage in her development, for she is definitely in line with the Powers who are seeking the triumph of civilization over savagery and the necessary guarantees for the observance of public law. The greater the help China gives in this struggle the more is she likely to be aided in her future development and progress by the Powers who have been hitherto and are still her best friends.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank are reminded of the meeting which takes place to-morrow at noon at the City Hall.

According to the Chinese Press, the total amount of silver exported from Shanghai to foreign countries is something over Tls. 40,000,000, tails since the beginning of the war.

A project is on foot to establish new iron works near Taiyeh, where the Haiyang Ironworks have an iron mine. The promoters of the new company are Sun Yat Sen, Tang Shao Yi and two others. The capital mentioned is \$6,000,000.

The Bishop of Victoria will preach on Sunday on board the *Tamar* at 10 a.m. and afterwards at the morning service at St. Andrew's Kowloon. In the evening he will preach the first of a course of sermons in the Cathedral, the service commencing at 6 p.m.

The Philippine House of Representatives has passed a Bill organising a National Coal Mining Company, with a capital of Pesos 3,000,000. The capital is to be divided into 30,000 shares at P100 per share, 51 per cent to be subscribed by the Governor General on behalf of the Philippine Government, and the other 49 to be held by only Filipinos or Americans.

The Malacanan Palace, for many years the residence of the Governors General of the Philippines, will soon be deserted, and as Irving said, "live in dreams of its past grandeur." A new palace is to be erected in Harrison Park. A Manila paper says: "The palace will be the most magnificent edifice in the archipelago, for no expense will be spared in its construction."

Hongkong is shortly to be visited by a circus. It is some considerable time now since a circus came to Hongkong. The circus is known as Clarke's Circus, and is now in the Philippines. It has been arranged to open here about March 10th. Unfortunately it has not been possible to obtain a site on the island on which to pitch the circus, the old sites—the Polo ground and the Kennedy Town site—being no longer available for such purposes. It has been found necessary therefore to make arrangements for the performances to be given at Kowloon. After giving performances here the circus will go to Canton, and then to Shanghai.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Brigadier-General R. N. Bray, formerly Commandant of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps, has been awarded the D. S. O.

Dr. J. M. W. Farnham, who is believed to be the oldest missionary in China, died last week at Shanghai at the age of 87 years. Despite his advanced age, Dr. Farnham had enjoyed excellent health and was free from any illness until about a fortnight before his death. He came out to China in 1860.

Among the passengers who arrived by the *s.s. Venezuela* yesterday were Mrs. C. R. Burkill, Mrs. R. G. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Girardet, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Stokes, Mr. J. S. Fearon, Mr. J. A. Hayes, Mr. W. S. Jackson, Mr. H. E. Morton, and Mr. E. C. Morton.

The engagement is announced of Miss Helen Burnett Merrill, daughter of E. F. Merrill, formerly Commissioner of Customs at Canton to Mr. Judson Stuart London, of Schoenaday, New York. Miss Merrill now resides with her father, at No. 149 Brattle Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The following appears in the London Gazette of 11th inst.—"Temp. Lieut. H. S. Openshaw, F. Surrey Rifles, awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry in action. He rendered most valuable assistance in the organization and digging of new trenches. On two occasions he voluntarily took out patrols to get into touch with our forces under intense fire." Lieut. H. S. Openshaw was with Messrs. Caldwell, Macgregor and Co.'s office in Shanghai and Tientsin, prior to the war, at the outbreak of which he returned to London to join up and has been in France for more than twelve months. He has a brother now serving at the front somewhere in France who was in the same company's office in Hongkong.

THE MAGISTRACY.

AN OBSERVANT FOKI.

While on his way home from work yesterday, a foki employed at a godown at No. 34 Second Street, saw several men passing along Queen's Road West, from the direction of Second Street, carrying a number of hides which he recognized as having recently been stored in his employer's godown. Returning to the office of the godown, he enquired if the hides had been sold. As the reply was in the negative he hurried to the godown and found the door broken and the hides removed.

Shortly after the Police had been informed of the theft, a Chinese constable discovered the stolen hides at No. 28 Upper Lascar Road. Two men found in the house were arrested, one on the charge of larceny and the other charged with receiving stolen goods.

The case was heard before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning and the first defendant pleaded guilty, stating that although he had assisted in the stealing of the hides, he had not broken into the godown. He was sentenced to six months' hard labour and four hours' stocks.

Mr. Crew appeared as solicitor for the second defendant, who was remanded until Monday morning, bail being fixed at \$250.

Inspector O'Sullivan informed His Worship that with the exception of four, the stolen hides, which are valued at more than \$300, were recovered.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF COAL.

Noticing a cinder boat moving in a suspicious manner near a Japanese ship Sergeant Bond, of the Water Police, went aboard the boat and discovered 144 hundred-weight of coal on board. He asked the boat coolies where the coal came from and they replied that the Chief Officer of the *Hachai Maru* had given it to them. Investigations, however, disclosed that the Chief Officer of the *Hachai Maru* knew nothing of the coal aboard the cinder boat.

As a result, seven boat coolies were arraigned before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning, charged with the unlawful possession of 144 hundred-weight of coal.

The defendants pleaded not guilty to the charge explaining that they had been employed to remove cinders from beneath the boilers of the *Hachai Maru*. For this work they received no payment but were permitted by the sailors aboard the vessel to take what little coal they could find laying about the ship's deck. Inspector Gordon stated that the *Hachai Maru* had left Hongkong and therefore no witnesses could be called to give evidence as regards the story told by the boatmen.

His Worship imposed a fine of five dollars upon each defendant.

ALLEGED IMPORTATION OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

A Chinese, who arrived here yesterday aboard the *s.s. Venezuela* appeared before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning in answer to a charge of importing into the Colony, a revolver and 48 rounds of ammunition.

The defendant, who was represented by Mr. C. Davidson, solicitor, pleaded not guilty to the charge and the case was remanded until to-morrow morning.

NO RECEIPT STAMP.

A fine of \$5 was imposed upon Mr. J. M. France of Kowloon, who was charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne this morning with executing a receipt without affixing a stamp.

The defendant admitted the offence stating that, as he did not have a stamp at the time he issued the receipt, he gave the payee the money for the stamp.

SHIP'S OFFICER FORFEITS BAIL.

Bail of \$25 was forfeited by a ship's officer named Cooper, who failed to appear before Mr. Melbourne this morning in answer to a charge of being drunk and disorderly. The case was remanded for one week.

ASSAULTING A SMALL BOY.

A dust cart foreman was charged before Mr. Melbourne with assaulting a small boy.

Mr. F. X. D'Almada appeared for the prosecution and said that while he did not witness the assault, he had seen the marks of three strokes across the boy's back where the defendant struck him with a stick.

The defendant pleaded not guilty, stating that because the boy threw ashes over the road he remonstrated with him, but did not strike him. Although a dust cart foki supported the defendant's statement, his story was disbelieved by Mr. Melbourne who

fined the foreman two dollars with the alternative of five days' imprisonment. The foki was similarly dealt with because His Worship believed the foki had perjured himself.

OPIUM SMUGGLING CASE.

A \$3000 FINE.

The case in which Manuel A. Conceicao, master of the *S.S. Sui Kai* was charged with importing and assisting others to import, 1,400 taels of prepared opium into the Colony, and Yu Hing Kee, Lock Chung Sam, Lin Po, and the Cheung a.s. Col. of 136 Connaught Road Central with allowing the ship, as owners, to carry 1,850 taels of prepared opium, and a Chinese fireman with importing opium on the ship was decided by Mr. J. R. Wood this afternoon.

The Captain and the fireman were discharged and a fine of \$5,000 imposed upon the ship owners.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

The remanded case in which the No. 1 boatwain of the *s.s. Empress of Russia* is charged with assaulting a seaman of the ship's crew with intent to do bodily injury, was again heard before Mr. Melbourne this afternoon. Evidence was taken and the defendant committed for trial to the next Criminal Sessions.

CHARTERED BANK'S CONTRIBUTION TO WAR LOAN.

The Hongkong branch of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China is in receipt of cable advice from the London Office that the Chartered Bank, including constituents and the staff, have subscribed to the War Loan \$4,885,000, of which \$2,370,000 is new money.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

The Members of the Brigade in Hongkong have during the last five weeks vaccinated 23,500 persons in the Colony.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COMMITTEES.

The following Committees were appointed at yesterday's meeting of the Council:

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE.—The Hon. Colonial Secretary (Chairman), H.E. the General Officer Commanding, the Hon. Attorney-General, Hon. Colonial Treasurer, Hon. Secretary for Chinese Affairs, Hon. Director of Public Works, Hon. Captain Superintendent of Police, Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, C.M.G., Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., Hon. Mr. E. Shellim, Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak, Hon. Mr. F. H. Holyoak and Hon. Mr. C. E. Anton.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.—Hon. Director of Public Works (Chairman), Hon. Colonial Treasurer, Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, C.M.G., Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak and Hon. Mr. C. E. Anton.

LAW COMMITTEE.—Hon. Attorney-General (Chairman), Hon. Secretary for Chinese Affairs, Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak and Hon. Mr. C. E. Anton.

HONGKONG WOMEN'S WAR WORK.

"Our Little Bit Society" yesterday forwarded their usual fortnightly parcels of comforts for the troops to Queen Mary's Needlework Guild, London, through the courtesy of Messrs. Shaw, Tames and Co., consisting of the following:

1,872 rolled bandages
1,900 socks
133 flannel maitailed bandages
36 eye bandages
39 pairs surgical stockings
60 caps
58 milk covers
14 pairs socks
41 floor mops
4 muffers
91 suits pyjamas
6 silk padded waistcoats
1 set games

Also to the Shropshire Light Infantry, Hongkong.

LIBEL ACTION IN SHANGHAI.

Pleadings were ordered in H. M. Supreme Court, Shanghai, recently, in an action for libel brought by Dr. Ernest Louis Marsh against Messrs. Bayley Morris, Edward Charles Pearce, and Gordon Morris. The writ was endorsed as follows:

"Damages for libel contained in the 'North China Daily News' of the 16th January, 1917, and costs." The case was called on before Sir Haviland de Bunsen (Judge), Mr. H. M. Macleod appeared for the plaintiff, Mr. Francis Ellis for Mr. Bayley Morris, and Mr. A. B. R. White for Mr. E. C. Pearce and Mr. Gordon Morris. It was agreed by counsel that this was a case in which there ought to be pleadings, and His Lordship made an order to that effect.

COMPANY MEETING.

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO. LIMITED.

The twentieth ordinary annual meeting of shareholders was held at the Company's offices at 11.30 a.m. to-day. There were present Mr. R. G. Shewan, (CHAIRMAN), Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Mr. H. P. White, Mr. U. P. On, (Consulting Committee), and Messrs. R. A. Ferguson, C. Klinek, J. M. Gordon, R. Henderson, M. A. Figueiredo, J. Toppin, R. Hancock, A. P. Samy, A. O. Lang, W. E. Ford, Tong Lai Chuen and J. A. Young (Secretary).

The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen, I presume you will follow the usual course and take the Report and Accounts as read. I have no doubt you have found them quite satisfactory as in addition to paying our usual dividend of seven per cent. we are able to recommend an addition of \$20,000 to Reserve Fund as against \$5,000 last year. We are also able to increase the Reserve Fund by \$20,000 from the appreciation in value of our Investment in Green Island Cement Coy's shares, which will now stand in the books at \$10 per share, and so bring up the total amount at credit of Reserve Fund to \$145,000. As regards the past year's business we did not handle quite as much cargo in our godowns as we did in 1915, but our rent account was better and we were also able to put more money out in loans and mortgages. As for the present year it has begun well and prospects seem favourable for our business. There is nothing in the accounts that requires explanation but I may say with regard to our Loans that there is not one of them that gives us any anxiety. With these remarks I now beg to propose that the Report and Accounts as presented to this meeting be adopted and passed and when that is seconded I shall be pleased to reply to any remarks from shareholders.

The motion for the adoption of the report and accounts was seconded by Mr. H. P. White and carried.

Mr. Ferguson proposed and Mr. Klinek seconded the re-election of Messrs. S. H. Dodwell, H. P. White and U. P. On on the Consulting Committee.

Mr. Gordon proposed and Mr. Hancock seconded the appointment of Mr. Percy Smith and Mr. F. Matland as auditors, and this motion also was adopted.

The CHAIRMAN then said:—Gentlemen, we have been asked to make a donation to the Hongkong War Charities Fund. Whatever we give will be small indeed compared with the sacrifices made by others, so I have no hesitation in putting the proposal before you. I therefore move "that this Company give the sum of Two thousand five hundred dollars to the Hongkong War Charities Fund" and have no doubt this motion will be duly seconded.

Mr. Hancock, I beg to second the motion.

The motion was unanimously agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN then announced that Dividend Warrants were ready.

CHINA AND GERMANY.

NO REPLY FROM GERMANY.

(Wah Tse Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, Feb. 22. The Diplomatic Committees of both Houses of Parliament deputed delegates—six from each committee—to call at the Foreign Office to inquire if Germany had replied to the Note of Protest.

The Vice-Minister replied in the negative.

When asked what was the Government's final attitude, the Vice Minister replied that the matter was still under consideration.

The Ministers of the Entente Powers held a third meeting yesterday at the French Legation to discuss the situation. Dr. Wellington Koo, the Chinese Minister to Washington, has telegraphed saying that Germany shows no disposition to change her submarine policy, and as the United States will not withdraw from the attitude it has taken up, the situation is most serious.

There is great activity in naval and military circles, as war is believed to be inevitable.

On receipt of this telegram the Cabinet decided that if America declares war against Germany, diplomatic relations between China and Germany would be severed.

TICKLING IN THE THROAT.

EVEN the slightest tickling or hoarseness in the throat may be the forerunner of a dangerous illness. Stop it at once with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

TRAINING TIMES.

There were very few distance gallops this morning, but a number of ponies were put over half a mile or three furlongs preparatory to longer work to-morrow. The course was fast.

Herolmi was taken over the Champions distance by Molley, but his performance was disappointing. The whole time was 2.51.2; last mile 2.14.2, last three-quarters 1.39.2, last half 1.04, last quarter 31. Mr. J. A. Hayes arrived yesterday and was out on Mr. Staves' Steeplechase. Mr. John Johnston and Mr. A. J. P. Heard are due by the French Mail to-morrow.

The times taken this morning were:—

Australian Chief, 1 mile, 1.08.2; last 30.
Daisy White, 1 mile, 1.04.2; last 31.2.
Esk. Boyd, 1 mile, 55.2, 1.09.1, 1.41.2, 2.12.2; last 1.31.
Colofina, 1 mile, 55.3, 1.08.3, 1.40.4, 2.12.3; last 32.
General Dunswood, Extra, and Victoria, 1 mile, 1.09; last 30.
Iron Duke, 1 mile, 53.2, 1.07.4, 1.39, 2.13; last 34.
Vid. Sedgwick, 1, 41, 1.19, —, 2.27.1, 2.59; last 30.4.
Glorious Peau, Seth, 1 mile, 1.03; last 30.
Herolmi, Moller, 1, 37, 1.12, 1.47.2, 2.20.2, 2.51.2; last 31.
Ariolmi, 1 mile, 55.2, 1.10.1, 1.43.4, 2.14.2; last 30.
Kharumi, Moller, 1 mile, 55.2, 1.10.1, 1.45.4, 2.10.4; last 34.
Magic, Dunswood, 1 mile, 1.08.1; last 34.1.
Orbitain, Extra, 1 mile, 1.06.2; last 31.2.
Whisperin, 1 mile, 1.04.4; last 31.2.
Shalpin, Boyd, 1 mile, 50.3, 1.18.2, 1.49.1, 2.21.4; last 32.3.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE HONGKONG AND SOUTH CHINA WAR SAYINGS ASSOCIATION.

(To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL.")

DEAR SIR,—It will interest intending subscribers to this Association to learn that arrangements have now been completed whereby any subscriber who finds that he is about to leave the East, or for other good reasons finds that he is in want of the money invested, may apply to us for its return, when his investment will be taken over and his money returned to him as he elects, either in sterling, Straits dollars or Hongkong currency at the rate of exchange ruling at the time, together with all accrued interest thereon. This arrangement will it is hoped bring forward many new subscribers.

It is the patriotic duty of everyone to lend as much money as he can afford to His Majesty's Government to assist the prosecution of the War and everyone can afford at least \$5 a month. Although this is a small sum, in the aggregate the subscriptions per month will be of great assistance.

Arrangements are also being made to secure a large amount of Straits War Loan at 6 per cent. so that investors may now reap the benefit of a high rate of interest, which might not be otherwise obtainable.

We are endeavouring to open up Branches of this Association in various parts of China and elsewhere.

Anyone who desires any information should apply to the undersigned who are at all times most willing to give every assistance.

We are, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

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CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	2.30 p.m.
Douglases	1000 sellers
Steamboats	19 nominal
Def. Indos	125 sellers
China Sugars	110 sales
"	110 1/2 buyers
Wharves	83 xid dona
Docks	124 sales
Dairy Farms	24 buyers
Cement	11.10 buyers
Trans.	7.20 sales
Langkats	19 buyers
"	20 sellers
Shai Cottons	115 buyers

The best cartoon on the war for some time appears in the American paper, *Literary Digest* of January 20. It depicts the German, Russian, French and English representatives sitting in a game of draw. The German representative has before him a big pile of winnings while there is hardly anything but a spoon in front of the others. The former is made to say: "Let's quit." As an expression of the "patriotic" desire of the "patriotic" talk, the cartoon is extremely good.

TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

RUSSO-RUMANIAN FRONT.

DENSE ENEMY ATTACK AT DORNAVATRA FAILED.

LONDON, Feb. 22. A Russian official report, received by wireless, states: A dense attack by the enemy westward of Dornavatra failed. There is violent reciprocal artillery work on the northern frontier of Western Moldavia. The Russian artillery is very active elsewhere dispersing the enemy and destroying positions.

GERMAN REPORT.

A German official report states: Between the Dniester and the wooded Carpathians our surprise attacks are successful.

THE BALKAN FRONT.

LONDON, Feb. 22.

A French Salonika communiqué states: There is artillery activity along the whole front. There have been patrol encounters near Sere and on the Rakukovo front. We raided Brest, near Lake Doiran, and took prisoners. Two enemy counter-attacks here were repulsed.

Aviators have been very active and several flights have taken place. We bombed enemy columns near Sere and Meluk.

A German official report received by wireless, states: We drove back an English attempt eastward of the Vardar.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

FIGHTING NEAR ARMENTIERES.

GERMAN REPORT.

A German official report received by wireless states: Southward of Armentieres the British forced their way to our positions but we ejected them and counted 200 British dead.

[This does not agree with Sir Douglas Haig's report, mentioned in our earlier Telegrams on page 4.—Ed.]

THE DEARNESS OF FOOD IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.

The Mayor of New York City received three deputations of women from the east side of the City, who tearfully declared that their children were starving owing to the dearth of food, and urged a municipal appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the purchase of provisions for the poor. The Mayor promised to investigate the conditions.

THE IMPERIAL WAR CONFERENCE.

THE CROWN COLONIES.

LONDON, Feb. 22.

Mr. Long, Secretary of State for the Colonies, announced that he would represent the Crown Colonies in the Imperial War Conference.

THE PERSIAN SITUATION.

INFLUENCE OF BRITISH SUCCESS IN MESOPOTAMIA.

LONDON, Feb. 21.

Continuing his speech in the House of Lords, Lord Curzon emphasised the fact that the improvement in the situation in Persia had been materially assisted by the British successes in Mesopotamia which have cost the Turks 15,000 casualties and a great loss of prestige and also would necessitate bringing further Turkish reinforcements from the Caucasus, thus easing the position of the Russians and ourselves in the East. The rebellion of the Grand Sheriff, who seemed to be in a fair way to consolidate the Arab world against the Turks, also tended to relieve the situation in Persia which was not altogether free from anxiety, but he thought he might say the worst was over. The Persian link in the great German chain of ambition and aggrandisement, stretching from Europe to Asia, had been forcibly twisted aside if not broken. It would be Great Britain's object to see that the link is broken and never reformed.

Lord Curzon said that he was surprised that the possibility of German intrigue in Persia had not received sufficient attention from this side of India. He paid a warm tribute to the Amir's loyalty. He feared it would be necessary to send considerable reinforcements to Persia in order to drive out the Turks. The march of General Sir Percy Sykes was most remarkable and well worthy of the traditions of the Indian Army.

AMERICA AND GERMANY.

PREPARING FOR THE INEVITABLE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.

It is authoritatively stated that President Wilson, while not asking Congress for declarations of war, will request full powers to protect American seamen and American ships from submarine. This procedure is similar to that followed prior to the Spanish-American War.

MR. GERARD AT MADRID.

PARIS, Feb. 22.

Mr. Gerard has left for Spain en route to America. He received an ovation.

MADRID, Feb. 22.

Mr. Gerard, formerly American Ambassador at Berlin, has arrived here.

AMERICAN CONSULS FROM GERMANY.

DELAYS AND PETTY ANNOYANCES.

ZURICH, Feb. 22.

The American Consuls from Germany have arrived here after many days' delay and petty annoyances by German officials. There is no news of the American Consuls in Belgium.

THE YARROWDALE PRISONERS.

AMERICA DEMANDS THEIR RELEASE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.

A note was despatched to Berlin on Monday 19th, demanding the release of the Yarrowdale prisoners, owing to the absence of a satisfactory response to the previous enquiry. No time limit was fixed.

THE PRISONERS RELEASED.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 22.

It is officially announced from Berlin that the American subjects from the Yarrowdale were released, after Germany had been officially informed that the German ships in American ports had not been confiscated and their crews had not been interned.

ESPIONAGE IN AMERICA.

DRASTIC MEASURES FOR DEALING WITH IT.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.

The Senate has passed the Espionage Bill by 60 votes to 10. The Bill possesses comprehensive powers and provides drastic penalties.

THE LATEST SENSATION IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.

A sensation was caused by the arrest of two men who were charged with conspiring to obtain maps, photographs and other military information concerning Great Britain, which was sent to the United States and from there to Germany. It is understood that fifteen men are involved. They went to England masquerading as journalists in order to collect information.

AMERICA AND COLOMBIA.

TREATY RATIFICATION POSTPONED.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.

The Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate has decided that the Colombian Treaty, indemnifying Colombia for the loss of Panama cannot be ratified this session, despite a letter from President Wilson urging the ratification as an act of justice and "because it is possible we shall need in the immediate future all the friends we can secure in Central America where our interests are critical."

HONOUR OF THE BRITISH CHIEF OF STAFF.

LONDON, Feb. 22.

The King has invested Sir William Robertson with the Grand Cross of the Bath.

THE NATIONAL SERVICE BILL.

LONDON, Feb. 22.

Mr. Cave, Home Secretary, moving the second reading of the National Service Bill, gave a pledge that the Powers it contains will not be used for purposes of industrial compulsion. If voluntary effort was inadequate the Government would ask Parliament for compulsory powers.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND HOME-GROWN WHEAT.

LONDON, Feb. 21.

The Daily Chronicle states that the Government has decided to guarantee minimum prices for home-grown wheat and oats for three years after the war.

A STRIKE AT KRUPP'S.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 22.

The "Telegraaf" states that 17,000 workers in Krupp's Arsenal have struck for higher wages and better food. Many have been sent to the front as a punishment.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

UNRESTRICTED SUBMARINING.

BOASTFUL STATEMENTS IN THE REICHSTAG.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 22.

A Committee of the Reichstag, sitting privately, listened to boastful statements of Ministers on the subject of unrestricted submarine warfare. Herr Zimmermann concluded a detailed statement of the position as regards the United States by asserting with firm confidence that Germany would attain her aims by the employment of submarines.

Admiral Capelle said that the Navy's expectations of ruthless submarine warfare had been surpassed. He accused the British Press, at the instigation of the Government, of concealing the extent of the sinkings. He admitted that this made it difficult to give definite figures, but although a number of submarines had not yet returned, there was no reason to think that a single submarine had been lost since February 1.

Those that had returned reported that the British defensive measures had remained within normal limits, and that there was practically no shipping in the North Sea. Dr. Helfferich declared that the diminution of Britain's supplies had already approached the danger point and that the decrease in December alone had been considerably greater than the average decrease in the whole of 1916 as compared with 1915.

The information given by the British First Lord of the Admiralty in his speech on the Naval Estimates (page 1) may be read as a reply to these statements.—Ed.

GERMAN SUBMARINE LOSSES.

NOT TO BE PUBLISHED.

STATEMENT BY SIR EDWARD CARSON.

LONDON, Feb. 21.

Sir Edward Carson, First Lord of the Admiralty, mentioned (in the course of his statement on the Naval Estimates in the House of Commons) that seventy-five per cent. of the armed and twenty-five per cent. of the unarmed merchantmen had escaped after submarine attacks. He also announced that the number of arrivals to and departures from the United Kingdom would henceforth be published, as also the names of ships attacked and escaped. Sir Edward Carson also stated that the German submarine losses would not be published because this policy of secrecy was most distasteful to the enemy, and also because the Admiralty did not know whether a submarine had been certainly destroyed.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

MORE PRISONERS TAKEN.

LONDON, Feb. 21.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports: We seized a portion of the trenches north-east of Guenducourt and entered trenches on a 600 yards front to the south of Arras, inflicting many casualties. We aided, to the south-east of Ypres, 500 yards of front reaching the supporting line. Many of the enemy were killed in the dugouts and mine-shafts, which we destroyed. 114 prisoners were taken here, the total number of prisoners for the day being 184. Our casualties were light.

ARTILLERY ACTIVITY ON THE MEUSE.

LONDON, Feb. 22.

A French communiqué states that there was reciprocal artillery in the region of Butte de Meuse on the right bank of the Meuse, near Gauriers Wood and Bezonvaux.

MEDICAL RE-EXAMINATION IN GERMANY.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 21.

The Berlin Mittags Zeitung says that a medical re-examination of males born after Sept. 7, 1870, hitherto considered as permanently unfit, has been ordered at Hamburg.

RUSSIAN POSITIONS AT FOSCARI FURIOUSLY BOMBARDED.

LONDON, Feb. 22.

A Rumanian communiqué, dated February 19, states that there were weak artillery and patrol encounters on the whole front north of Dornavatra. The enemy furiously bombarded with gas shells the Russian positions north-west of Focscani, and the Russians dispersed reinforcements in this region.

PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT POSTPONED.

LONDON, Feb. 22.

Mr. Bonar Law announced in the House of Commons that Mr. Lloyd George's statement on the subject of restriction of imports has been postponed to the 23rd inst.

AMERICA AND AUSTRIA.

DIPLOMATIC RUPTURE PROBABLE.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 21.

The Frankfurter Zeitung says that the American aide-memoire to Vienna on the subject of submarine warfare leaves no doubt that a diplomatic rupture will follow.

AN AMERICAN MILITARY TRAINING BILL.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.

After conferring with the President, the Secretary for War announced that he was about to send to Congress a "Universal Military Training Bill."

CANTON WAR INVESTMENTS ASSOCIATION.

The Committee have made the following explanation as to the cost of the Bonds:—

The figure named on the prospectus of \$108.00 Hongkong currency is a tentative one only. When the scheme was originally drawn up the rate of exchange was not so high as it is today and it was thought better to name a figure which would assure a return of part of the purchase price to subscribers rather than risk having to make a further call.

The rate of exchange which will actually be obtained by subscribers will be that ruling on or about 5th March, and that rate will apply to the cost of the whole Bond and not merely to the first payment.

Today for example the rate on Singapore is 101½, i.e. 100 Hongkong Dollars equal 101½ Straits Dollars, but as a basis of reckoning we will assume that exchange is at par, i.e. 100 Hongkong Dollars equal 100 Straits Dollars, when the cost of the Bonds would work out as follows:—

Out.	Day.	Stand.	Inter.
5th Mar. 1st	\$27	\$72	\$72
5th Apr. 2nd	\$27	\$72	\$72
5th May 3rd	\$27	\$72	\$72
5th June 4th	\$27	\$72	\$72
Amount of expenses per Bond, say			\$1.00

So that the cost of the Bond would be \$100.00 Hongkong Currency plus \$1.00 for interest and expenses, and \$108.00 would have been paid by subscribers a return of \$8.00 per unit would be immediately made.

Subscribers are reminded that the Bond itself bears interest at 6% from date of issue (which will be on or about 5th March) so that they are not losers by the interest as shown above and they obtain the Bonds at absolutely cost price plus a few cents per \$100.00 bond for expenses.

As a good many subscribers have signified that they would prefer to pay in full for the Straits Settlements Pay Loan Bonds rather than by instalments (and so save having to pay any interest) the Committee have now arranged that this can be done. Each application for Bonds to be paid for in Cash will be dealt with separately and subscribers will be charged exactly the same amount as they would pay if they went to the Bank direct, no fee being levied by the Association. As regards the rate of exchange, this will be fixed with the Bank as each applicant directs—either on receipt of the application or (if no instructions are given) on the 5th March, 1917. A number of subscribers are taking up Bonds both for cash and on the instalment plan. This commendable example might well be followed.

A GERMAN MISCALCULATION AT PEKING.

AN AMUSING STORY.

The Peking correspondent of the "N. C. Daily News" writing on the subject of the Chinese Government's protest to Germany relates the following little story:—

A German miscalculation that occurred during the week has caused some amusement here. The Legation authorities, as already indicated, were convinced no definite step would be taken without reference to Parliament, and that Parliament might be suitably influenced. Invitations for a grand reception at the German Legation were sent out. All the high officials of the Government were bidden, as well as the representatives of the people. The Government, however, as we know, acted with too much precipitation for German plans. The reception was postponed on Friday. The reception was for the following evening—a day too late. That did not prevent the attendance of all who are great and distinguished in Peking officialdom.

It must have been a great pleasure to the German Minister to see his fast-diminishing stock of champagne lapped up by the parasites who were responsible for the presentation of the famous Note.

COMPANY REPORTS.

HONGKONG TRAMWAY CO., LTD.

The following is an abstract of the accounts for the year ending 31st Dec., 1916.

	£	s	d
Gross Profit (after charging Depreciation &c.)	44,569.17	11	
Less: Debenture Interest	7,388.68		
Interim Dividend of 7 1/2%	5,787.10		
	13,055.16	8	
Brought forward from 1915	31,514.1	3	
Balance	23,734.18	7	
The Directors now recommend the payment of a final Dividend at the rate of 23% per annum, amounting to £18,637.10.0 (to be payable in April next at Exchange of 2/4 = 48 cents per share) and the writing down of the cost of the "Tramway Undertaking" by £2,441.13.8, leaving to be carried forward £18,706.14.11.			

SHANGHAI COMPANY REPORTS.

YANGTSEPOO COTTON MILL.

At a meeting of the consulting committee of the Yangtsepo Cotton Mill, Ltd., held last week it was decided that the shareholders should be recommended to apportion the balance at credit of profits and loss account on December 31, 1916, of Tls. 87,596.99, as follows:—

	Tls.
Plant and machinery	61,036.20
Brick buildings	3,451.52
Reinforced concrete buildings	7,415.85
Furniture	284.88
Motor car	29.63
Foreshore buildings	358.75
Demolished buildings	10,000.00
To carry forward to new account	8,020.18
	87,596.99

SHANGHAI TUG AND LIGHTER CO., LD.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the above company held last week, it was decided to recommend the distribution of the balance of Profit and Loss Account Tls. 156,158.15 for the year ended December 31, 1916, as follows:—

	Tls.
To a Dividend of 7 per cent. on 10,000 Preference Shares	35,000.00
To a Dividend of 8 per cent. on 20,000 Ordinary shares	40,000.00
General Reserve	50,000.00
Carry forward	31,158.15
	Tls. 156,158.15

KOWLOON RAILWAY STATION.

The following report by Mr. H. P. Winslow, Manager, on the completion of the station building at Kowloon was laid on the table at the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday.

The building was completed and opened for the public traffic on the morning of the 28th March, 1916. The offices on the first floor were not occupied until the 18th of April owing to causes apart from the question of completion. Kang On's contract, which was for work to the amount of \$173,847, to be completed in two years from 1st March, 1914, actually amounted to a total of \$172,385.63 which included extras for work not shown, or not scheduled by the Architect, or alterations to details for which no prices were provided in the schedule, to the amount of \$12,851.89. The reasons for the completion of the contract being 27 days over was fully stated in my report for 31st December, 1916. The platforms and foundations for the building, which were done departmentally, cost \$53,681.54 against an original sanction of \$53,960.89. The original sanctioned amount for the building apart from foundations, was \$250,000, of which the work specified by the Architect was estimated at \$202,104.24 (exclusive of foundations) and \$142,034.04 which amount after including Kang On's contract provided for such items as the steelwork in the building, iron railings, collapsible gates, iron lantern lights, sanitary fittings, pipes and sewers, brass door and window furniture, electric wiring, lighting and lights, telephone installation (3 systems), safes, strongroom door, lightning conductors, 22 electric clocks, public seats, drinking fountain, the water supply and piping, asphalt to flat roofs, all the glazed and flooring tiles, patent flooring to various ground floor rooms, temporary arrangements and moving into new building. Public Works Department's debts for road approach, extra accommodation for customs, etc., etc. The accounts for the construction of the building have now been closed and all work contemplated in connection with the building has been completed, with the exception of the clock and bell for the clock tower.

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Corps Orders by Lieut.-Col. A. Chapman, Y.D.

ORDERED.

Pte V. C. Labrum (late Singapore Royal Engineer Volunteers) having joined with effect from 3rd November, 1914, is allotted Corps No. 2069 and posted to Centre Section M. G. Co.

The undersigned, having joined the Corps, are allotted Corps numbers and posted to Engineer Company.—No. 2067 Spr. G. H. Wilson; No. 2068 Spr. H. Hassan; No. 2070 Spr. G. A. Neves; No. 2071 Spr. A. Abbas; No. 2072 Spr. N. M. Bux.

RESIGNED.

Gunner J. V. Bragg is permitted to resign dated 1.1.17.

Private D. G. Steven is permitted to resign dated 1.1.17.

LEAVE.

Lieut. T. G. Weall is granted leave for the duration of the war from 20.2.17.

Sgt. P. J. Lenfestey is granted leave for the duration of the war from 1st March 1917.

Gr. N. Croucher is granted leave for the duration of the war from 1st April 1917.

Spr. F. J. Dickie is granted leave for the duration of the war from 23rd February 1917.

Spr. S. F. Chubb is granted leave for the duration of the war from 23rd February 1917.

Pte. R. W. Lee-Jones is granted leave for the duration of the war from 1st March 1917.

Pte. E. G. B. Mitchell is granted leave for the duration of the war from 1st March 1917.

Pte. C. H. Davis is granted 12 months' leave from 31.1.17.

Spr. P. P. P. is granted 1 month's leave from 21.3.17.

Pte. A. A. Claxton is granted 11 months' leave from 24.2.17.

SCOUTS COMPANY.

Lieutenant R. O. Hutchison will command the Scouts Company until further orders.

GUARDS.

Until further order guards will parade at 6.45 p.m.

SIGNALING SECTION.

In the qualifying test for Signallers held on February 5th and 6th by the Command Signaling Officer the under-mentioned members qualified:—

1st Class.—Lance Opl. A. A. de Luz and Pte. W. B. Wilkinson.

2nd Class.—Pte. O. A. de Ribeiro and A. A. Abbas.

CHIEF SECTION M. G. CO.

Pte. J. H. Taggart is to be attached to the Mounted Section from this date.

PARADES.

Thursday, 1st March.—

6.15 p.m. Mounted Section at Jockey Club Stables.

5.30 p.m. Artillery Battery at Belchers Battery.

8 to 10.30 p.m. E. L.

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SHANGHAI	CHENAN	Feb. 27, at 4 p.m.
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SHANGHAI via SWATOW	WOSANG	SUNDAY, Feb. 25, Daylight
HAIPHONG	LOKSANG	WEDDAY, Feb. 26, Daylight
SANDAKAN	MAUSANG	WEDDAY, Feb. 26, at Noon
MANILA	CHIPSANG	SATURDAY, Mar. 3, at 3 p.m.

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The zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 2 inches below mean sea level.
To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 5 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamou Dock, Aberdeen add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

February 24th to March 2nd, 1917.

Time	High Water	Low Water
Feb. 24	1.15	5.15
Feb. 25	1.10	5.20
Feb. 26	1.05	5.25
Feb. 27	1.00	5.30
Feb. 28	1.00	5.30
Feb. 29	1.00	5.30
Feb. 30	1.00	5.30
Mar. 1	1.00	5.30
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Shek Ki	9.30 P.M. 9.30 P.M. 9.30 P.M.	
Kowloon	6.00 P.M. 6.00 P.M. 6.00 P.M.	
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HONGKONG REGISTER.

Previous day at 5 p.m.	On date at 5 p.m.	On date at 7 p.m.
Barometer	30.09	30.09
Temperature	63	63
Humidity	73	73
Direction of Wind	3	3
Force	2	2
Weather	0	0
Rain	0.00	0.00

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One hour, 20
Two hours, 35
Three hours, 50
Four hours, 60
Five hours, 70
Six hours, 75
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Two hours, 40
Three hours, 50
Four hours, 60
Five hours, 70
Six hours, 75
One day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., \$1.50
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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 22nd at 12.10—No returns from Japanese stations. A slight decrease of pressure is shown at all reporting stations except Vladivostok where it has increased slightly.

The anticyclone reported yesterday has not developed. A belt of relatively high pressure probably extends from the east coast of China to the east of the Loochoos.

Fresh to moderate monsoon is indicated over the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 0.89 inches, against an average of 2.77 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 24th February:—

1.—Hongkong to Cap Rock: N.E. to E. winds, fresh to moderate; cloudy, fog in morning.

2.—Formosa Channel: N.E. winds, fresh.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Loochoos: The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong to Hainan: The same as No. 1.

OFFICIAL NIGHTS IN FEBRUARY.

The following table shows the Standard Time at which Official Night ends and begins during the month of Feb., 1917:—

Date	Ends	Begin
Feb. 23rd, 6.34 a.m.	6.36 p.m.	
" 24th, 6.27 "	6.36 "	
" 25th, 6.26 "	6.36 "	
" 26th, 6.26 "	6.36 "	
" 27th, 6.25 "	6.37 "	
" 28th, 6.24 "	6.38 "	

ROYAL OBSERVATORY

HONGKONG DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

FEBRUARY 23, 1917.—a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer		Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind		Weather.
		at Sea Level.	at Surface.			Direction.	Force.	
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